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IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION

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11/05/1999Priority date (day/month/year)
15/05/1998

Applicant

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1. The applicant is hereby notified that this International Preliminary Examining Authority transmits herewith the international preliminary examination report and its annexes, if any, established on the international application.
2. A copy of the report and its annexes, if any, is being transmitted to the International Bureau for communication to all the elected Offices.
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(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.

2. This REPORT consists of a total of 5 sheets, including this cover sheet.

This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e. sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I Basis of the report
- II Priority
- III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV Lack of unity of invention
- V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI Certain documents cited
- VII Certain defects in the international application
- VIII Certain observations on the international application

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EXAMINATION REPORT**

International application No. PCT/GB99/01491

I. Basis of the report

1. This report has been drawn on the basis of (*substitute sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to the report since they do not contain amendments.*):

Description, pages:

1-48 as originally filed

Claims, No.:

1-10 as originally filed

2. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

the description, pages:
 the claims, Nos.:
 the drawings, sheets:

3. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed (Rule 70.2(c)):

4. Additional observations, if necessary:

V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes: Claims 1-10
	No: Claims
Inventive step (IS)	Yes: Claims 1-10
	No: Claims
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes: Claims 1-10
	No: Claims

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2. Citations and explanations

see separate sheet

VI. Certain documents cited

1. Certain published documents (Rule 70.10)

and / or

2. Non-written disclosures (Rule 70.9)

see separate sheet

VII. Certain defects in the international application

The following defects in the form or contents of the international application have been noted:

see separate sheet

**INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY
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Re Item V

Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

D1: EP-A-0849256

D2: WO-A-9806715

D3: Expert Opinion On Therapeutic Patents (01-01-1997), 7(7), 729-733

1. None of the prior art documents D1 to D3 disclose a compound falling within the scope of general formula I of present claim 1. In particular the basic structure consisting of a N-benzamido-phenyl-benzamide-group is not disclosed in any of the available prior art documents.

The subject matter of claims 1-7 (compounds), 8 (process for their preparation), 9 (pharmaceutical composition thereof, 10 (medical use) relate thus to novel subject matter.

2. The compounds of D1 to D3 which have the same pharmacological activity (inhibition of cytokine-effects by inhibition of p38 kinase) differ considerably in their structure from the presently claimed compounds.

It does not appear to be obvious to the skilled person, starting from said prior art to come to the claimed compounds due to the structural differences of the basic structures between the prior art compounds and the claimed compounds.

The subject matter of claims 1-7 (compounds), 8 (process for their preparation), 9 (pharmaceutical composition thereof, 10 (medical use) is thus regarded to involve an inventive step over said prior art.

3. Present claims 1-10 are regarded to be industrial applicable.